Claim Amendments

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula:

wherein

Y is chosen from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CH₂- and -N(loweralkyl)-;

L is a linker, said linker comprising from one to eight carbons and from zero to three nitrogens, sulfurs and oxygens, wherein at least two atoms are interposed between ring B and carbon β , said linker being straight chain, branched or cyclic, and, when cyclic, attached either at carbons a and b of ring B or, when R^1 is methylene, at R^1 ;

Q is chosen from O, S, CH=N, N=CH, CH=CH and NR⁹;

E is hydroxy, or E is a biolabile residue such that E and the carboxyl to which it is attached together form an ester or amide cleavable *in vivo* to provide a compound in which E is hydroxy;

 R^1 is chosen from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, heteroaryl, (C₁ to C₆) hydrocarbon, substituted aryl, (C₁ to C₃) alkylaryl, -NHCOOR¹⁰, -NHSO₂R¹⁰ and -NHCOR¹⁰;

 R^2 is chosen from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, heteroaryl, (C_1 to C_6) hydrocarbon, substituted aryl, (C_1 to C_3) alkylaryl, -NHCOOR¹⁰, -NHSO₂R¹⁰ and -NHCOR¹⁰, and R^{2a} is hydrogen; or taken together R^2 and R^{2a} form a carbonyl;

R³ and R⁴ are independently chosen from the group consisting of hydrogen, (C₁ to C₄) hydrocarbon, loweralkoxy, halogen and fluoro(loweralkyl);

R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently chosen from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen and fluoro(loweralkyl);

R⁸ is chosen from hydrogen and lower alkyl; and

 R^9 is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl and (C_1 to C_3) akylaryl; or

taken together R^8 and R^9 represent a two to four carbon chain forming a five to seven membered cyclic structure, which may contain one degree of unsaturation; and R^{10} is chosen from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl and (C_1 to C_3) alkylaryl.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula:

$$\mathbb{R}^{2} \mathbb{R}^{2a}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{5}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8}$$

wherein L is a cyclic linker forming a five-, six or seven-membered ring, optionally substituted with one or two substituents chosen from lower alkyl and oxo.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2 of formula:

wherein

U is chosen from the group consisting of CH, C(CH₃) and N;

V is chosen from the group consisting of C=O, CH₂ and O;

W is chosen from the group consisting of $(CH_2)_nC=0$, $C(=0)(CH_2)_n$,

 $(CH_2)_nCH_2$, $O(CH_2)_n$ and $(CH_2)_nO$; and

n is zero, one or two.

4. (Original) A compound according to claim 3 of formula:

$$\mathbb{R}^{2} \mathbb{R}^{2a} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{5} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{3} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{5} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{5}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{5}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{5}$$

wherein p is one, two or three;

wherein R^{11} is hydrogen or methyl;

$$E \xrightarrow{R^2} R^{2a}$$

$$R^4 \xrightarrow{R^5} R^7$$

$$R^7$$

$$R^7$$

$$R^8$$

$$NHR^8$$

or

$$\mathbb{R}^{1}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{2a}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{4}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{5}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8}$$

5. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula:

6. (Original) A compound according to claim 5 of formula:

wherein n is zero, one or two.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula:

$$\mathbb{R}^{2} \mathbb{R}^{2a}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{5}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{3}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8}$$

wherein L is a linker comprising from one to four carbons and from zero to three nitrogens, sulfurs and oxygens, in a straight or branched chain.

8. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula:

wherein L is a linker comprising from one to eight carbons and from zero to three nitrogens, sulfurs and oxygens, in a straight or branched chain.

9. (Currently amended)

A compound according to claim 1 of formula:

$$\mathbb{R}^{2} \mathbb{R}^{2a}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{4} \mathbb{R}^{5}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8}$$

wherein Q^a is chosen from O, S, CH=N, N=CH, CH=CH and NR⁹, and R⁹ is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, (C₁ to C₃)alkylaryl and alkyl substituted with methoxy, fluoro or hydroxy.

10. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 7 of formula:

or

$$E \xrightarrow{R^2} L \xrightarrow{R^4} R^5 \xrightarrow{R^7} NR^9$$

$$NHR^8$$

wherein R⁹ is chosen from hydrogen, lower alkyl, and fluoro(loweralkyl).

11. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula

$$\mathbb{R}^{2}$$

wherein m is one or two.

12. (Original) A compound according to claim 9 of formula:

$$\mathbb{R}^{1}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{2}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{2}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{2}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{3}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{5}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{7}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8}$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{8}$$

wherein m is one or two.

- 13. (Original) A compound according to any of claims 1 to 12 wherein E is hydroxy.
- 14. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^2 and R^{2a} are hydrogen and R^1 is chosen from hydrogen, -NHCOOR¹⁰, -NHCOR¹⁰ and -NHSO₂R¹⁰.

15. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 is other than hydrogen and the carbon to which R^1 is attached is of the configuration shown:

16. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R² is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ hydrocarbon, aryl, substituted aryl or heteroaryl.

17. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 is hydrogen, R^{2a} is hydrogen and R^2 is other than hydrogen, and the carbon to which R^2 is attached is of the configuration shown:

18. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R³ and R⁴ are chosen from hydrogen, methyl, methoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl.

19. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁵ and R⁷ are hydrogen.

20. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁸ is chosen from hydrogen and methyl.

- 21. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein L is chosen from -C(=O)NH-, -CH=CH- and -CH₂CH₂-.
- 22. (Original) A compound according to any of claims 1 to 12 wherein Y is -O-.

23. (Original) A compound according to claim 22 wherein

E is hydroxy

R¹ is hydrogen, -NHCOOR¹⁰ or -NHCOR¹⁰;

R² is hydrogen, aryl, heteroaryl or substituted aryl;

R³ and R⁴ are chosen from hydrogen, methyl, methoxy, halogen and trifluoromethyl;

R⁵ and R⁷ are hydrogen; and

R⁸ is chosen from hydrogen and methyl.

- 24. (Withdrawn) A method of treating a condition that is associated with excessive vitronectin receptor activity comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.
- 25. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 24 wherein said condition is chosen from endometriosis, osteoporosis, restenosis following angioplasty, rheumatoid arthritis, cancer and macular degeneration.
- 26. (Withdrawn) A method for treating obesity comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any of claims 1 to 12.
- 27. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 28. (Original) A compound according to claim 13 wherein Y is -O-.